

7 July 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Creation of an IAC Subcommittee on Guided
Missile Intelligence

1. At the IAC meeting on 14 July, the Committee directed the Scientific Estimates Committee to consider how it could take over the proposed activities for guided missiles intelligence. At Tab A is the report of that Committee. Attached as Tab B is a briefing note prepared in OSI which gives the background and sets forth separately the arguments pro and con accepting the majority report of the Scientific Estimates Committee.

2. The salient considerations to my mind are as follows:

a. No subject of the national intelligence effort exceeds the Soviet guided missile program in importance at this time or for the next several years.

b. The key consultants all emphatically recognize the need for creation of a special committee of the IAC to consider all aspects of this problem and attack it with the same energy and resources that were so successful in the case of JABIC.

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c. The Agency, after considerable internal debate, accepted the foregoing recommendation, hired Colonel White and is prepared to furnish the necessary support for such a committee.

d. The problem is probably already and certainly will in the near future be broader than a mere scientific and technical one inasmuch as a Soviet ability to mass produce these weapons will be an essential element in the equation. Therefore, subordinating such a committee to the Scientific Estimates Committee will prevent an integral attack on the problem.

e. Military intelligence services probably abetted by General Kraskine and Bill Godell really wish to exclude CIA from a significant role on the ground that the Pentagon has exclusive jurisdiction of

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intelligence on weapons. However, I firmly believe that Messrs. Robert Anderson, Donald Quarles, Trevor Gardner, and others with a less parochial attitude recognize the need for a supreme national intelligence effort in this field.

3. I, therefore, recommend that you do not accept the recommendation of the Scientific Estimates Committee, that you restate your position as being in favor of the over-all guided missiles intelligence committee as an immediate subcommittee of the IAC as set forth in the [redacted] I realize that there is little likelihood of IAC concurrence in this position; so it will be necessary either to go to the NSC or to take up the matter bilaterally with Mr. Anderson in order to get a command decision from the Office of the Secretary of Defense to which the military members of the IAC will be forced to adhere. It would be desirable for you at least to explore this problem with Mr. Anderson before the matter finally gets on the NSC Agenda.

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4. The issue is on the Agenda for next Tuesday's IAC meeting. If you feel you would like more time to consider the problem, I suggest you send me a telephone message so that I can have the item postponed.

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Attachments

Tab A
Tab B
Tab C

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